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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 179

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Rural Preventive
5 Health Care Training Act of 1999".

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

7 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act,
8 as amended by the Health Professions Education Partner-

1 ship Act of 1998, is amended by inserting after section
2 754 the following:

3 **"SEC. 754A. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
5 to, and enter into contracts with, eligible applicants to en-
6 able such applicants to provide preventive health care
7 training, in accordance with subsection (c), to health care
8 practitioners practicing in rural areas. Such training shall,
9 to the extent practicable, include training in health care
10 to prevent both physical and mental disorders before the
11 initial occurrence of such disorders. In carrying out this
12 subsection, the Secretary shall encourage, but may not re-
13 quire, the use of interdisciplinary training project applica-
14 tions.

15 “(b) LIMITATION.—To be eligible to receive training
16 using assistance provided under subsection (a), a health
17 care practitioner shall be determined by the eligible appli-
18 cant involved to be practicing, or desiring to practice, in
19 a rural area.

20 “(c) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Amounts received under
21 a grant made or contract entered into under this section
22 shall be used—

23 “(1) to provide student stipends to individuals
24 attending rural community colleges or other institu-
25 tions that service predominantly rural communities,

1 for the purpose of enabling the individuals to receive
2 preventive health care training;

3 “(2) to increase staff support at rural commu-
4 nity colleges or other institutions that service pre-
5 dominantly rural communities to facilitate the provi-
6 sion of preventive health care training;

7 “(3) to provide training in appropriate research
8 and program evaluation skills in rural communities;

9 “(4) to create and implement innovative pro-
10 grams and curricula with a specific prevention com-
11 ponent; and

12 “(5) for other purposes as the Secretary deter-
13 mines to be appropriate.

14 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
16 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2002.”.

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